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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I use a local internet and telephone provider for multiple reasons:
They have faster internet. I was able to get fiber instead of DSL which the large company repeatedly slowed down for their own reasons.
They are local and the money invested stays in the local economy.
They provide better service than the large corporations.
They are more concerned with my privacy and data.

It would be a shame to allow only a few large companies to dominate the internet provider space. There is not enough competition now to prevent abuse by the large company providers. If these companies are allowed to revert to their monopolies over the copper infrastructure, they become the "too big to fail" part of our economy and will cause large price increases with no perceived need for efficiency or service.

Don't allow these entities to become what they want: to be in complete control of a service which is essential to business and personal life in the forms of telephone and internet. At one time it was decided to break up AT&T due to this exact problem. Let us not go backward to allow them to control that which we all need and use. It is a recipe to stifle competition, increase prices and allows poor service to flourish.

Finally, if the large providers don't think that this is important, ask why would they bother? If this competition is not of concern to them, why are they requesting this change?

Leave the rules as they are. Revisit the problem in say 4-5 years. No harm done, competition secured.

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